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Dear Reader,

As Indiana's Attorney General, I am committed to improving the lives of all Hoosiers, including the youngest and most vulnerable. I have been honored to serve on the Children's Commission since its inception, and I was glad to have the opportunity for attorneys in our office to work with other stakeholders in preparing and reviewing this valuable Indiana Youth Information Sharing Guide. It is important that we maintain privacy protections for various types of information about children, and at the same time we should strive to find ways to effectively and efficiently share information where permissible if that can facilitate getting information to service providers, state agencies, and others who can assist a particular child who is in need.

This Guide has been prepared with careful attention to trying to maintain that important balance, and I would encourage persons who work in contexts relating to improving children's lives to utilize this Guide in appropriate situations as much as possible. Laws relating to these issues may change, so users should consult with legal counsel as necessary to ensure compliance, but this Guide should be a valuable starting point for navigating privacy and information-sharing issues.

I want to express my personal thanks for the hard work of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana, the Data Sharing & Mapping Task Force, and those who provided valuable additional input and research for this project. The Information Sharing Guide would not be possible without the efforts of all of those involved. It is my sincere hope that the Guide benefits those working with children and becomes a vital resource in their provision of services to our youngest Hoosiers.

Sincerely,

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